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25 October 1967

Dear Art,

I am sorry that I missed seeing you when you were in Washington to talk about the writing of the history of Covert Training. I am pleased that you are going to do it and that you are interested in doing it, but I am sorry that you are in [REDACTED] rather than Washington.

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There is a considerable body of material preserved in the vital records. I have been looking through the lists of this material to find significant memoranda and other papers that would be of use to you.

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[REDACTED] is going to do the period 1946 - 1950. So you should be thinking in terms of starting at the point he leaves off. The vital records contain pretty complete files from Covert Training from 1949 - 1965. I propose to screen this material to see what would actually be useful. In the meantime, if you will let me know what you need to get started, I will arrange to have some documents sent to you. It is also possible to get weekly activity reports dating back for many years. Lists of personnel, organizational charts, and so forth are also available.

In addition to the documents, I think it will be useful for you to interview some old timers. We can then look for documents to pin down specific dates if those are needed. I do not visualize this as becoming a book, but it may take a little scratching around to piece together a meaningful narrative. I would suggest that you outline the way in which you propose to deal with this topic, and then I think that we should sit down together [REDACTED] Washington to see just how we want to proceed.

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Cordially,

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